

Effects of HHA Payment Policy

- making money like never before-- average margin on Medicare business is 16%
- winners and losers is a chronic issue in PPS --some making losses, some making over 40%
- why making profit
 - 50% reduction in v per episode (mainly aid visits) 32 21 →
 - pervasive upcoding
 - big increase in % of cases with > 10 therapy visits
- Is medicare capturing anything----- MedPAC trying to freeze rates to "catch up"
- no evidence of quality reductions (no good studies yet)